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YOU'RE
...A MAGE, AREN'T YOU?
I WANT YOU—
—TO SAVE MY BROTHER.
Gold,Ash,Darkgreen

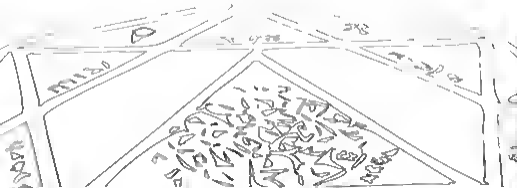
I've never seen either of them before They're not from this village
THIS IS A TERRIBLE WOUND...
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU CAN USE MAGIC
YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE EARLIER...
HIS FOOT IS ALREADY NECROTIC.
I'M SORRY BUT THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT AMPUTATE

THAT IS... JUST SOMETHING THE PEOPLE IN THIS VILLAGE MADE UP THEMSELVES
I'M NOTHING BUT AN ORDINARY DOCTOR
LOSING A LIMP MEANS DEATH TO US.
SO PLEASE SOMEHOW MAKE HIM ABLE TO RUN FREELY AGAIN
HIS IRISES ARE GOLDEN...
I WILL COME AGAIN. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM UNTIL THEN.

LET'S SEE WHAT I CAN DO WITH WHAT I HAVE HERE

AND...

CINNABAR
SOME ANGELICA
THE DAGGER OF HERMES



KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
HOW IS YOUR MOTHER DOING?
AH, CAROLA.
THANKS TO YOUR MEDICINE SHE HAS GOTTEN WELL!
GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR MAGE!
THAT'S GOOD.
OH!
THIS LOOKS DELICIOUS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH CAROLA.
THIS IS TO SHOW OUR THANKS TO YOU!
THERE'S SOME BREAD WE JUST BAKED THIS MORNING, SOME SPINACH EGG A QUICHE, AND AN APPLE PIE
!

YOUR FATHER CAME WITH YOU TODAY HOW RARE
ACTUALLY,
LAST NIGHT OUR CATTLE WERE ATTACKED
AND NOW
THE WHOLE TOWN IS IN AN UPROAR
THE SCARIEST THING IS THAT...
ALL THE PIGS, SHEEPS, DUCKS TOO! ALL OF THEM...
THEIR LEFT LEGS WERE GONE!
CAROLA!
I'VE TOLD YOU, IT'S THE WOLVES!
WHAT A HORRIBLE THING FOR SOMEONE TO DO!
WHAT DID YOU SAY ?

THEY'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND THIS AREA RECENTLY
THE OTHER DAY I'M SURE ONE OF THEM WAS CAUGHT IN THE BEAR TRAP, BUT HE GOT AWAY!
THERE WAS ONLY A POOL OF BLOOD LEFT... MUST'VE LOST A LEG
NEXT TIME I SEE HIM, I'LL PUT AN END TO HIM.
BE CAREFUL, SIR MAGE!
I'LL BE FINE.

WELL, WELL...
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT
I STILL HAVEN'T ASKED FOR YOUR NAME.
THIS BOY ALSO HAS GOLDEN IRISES
Well,
WIND...
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
WIND

COME HERE,
AND HAVE A MEAL WITH ME
GROOOM
RU MB LE EE

THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM JUST AHEAD
I FOUND SOME!
BUT
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THEM?
FUFUFU
What is it?
MAGE!
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO CAST A SPELL TO CURE THE SICKNESS?
THIS FLOWER IS CALL DIGITALIS, IT CAN BE USED TO MAKE MEDICINE FOR THE HEART
I'LL MAKE AN INFUSION OUT OF THESE TO MAKE A MEDICINE

LET ME TELL YOU,
MAGIC IS NOT SOMETHING YOU USE THAT EASILY
IT DISTORTS THE NATURE OF THINGS.
HNMM
I DON'T REALLY GET IT
IF YOU READ A LOT OF BOOKS AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF THE UNIVERSE YOU WILL KNOW THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS
BUT STILL...
YOU USED MAGIC TO FIX MY LEG, DIDN'T YOU?
SINCE...
...IT'S ALREADY AS GOOD AS NEW!

!
BE CAREFUL

...
I WAS THINKING...
IT'S FULL MOON TOMORROW, RIGHT?
HEY...

I WANT TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER
AND I WANT TO BE A MAGE LIKE YOU
YOU COULD TAKE ME AS YOUR APPRENTICE
AND I'LL STUDY MAGIC!
I COULD HELP YOU!
I'LL DO ANYTHING!
IT WOULD BE...
...AGAINST MY POLICY TO TAKE AN APPRENTICE.
NO.

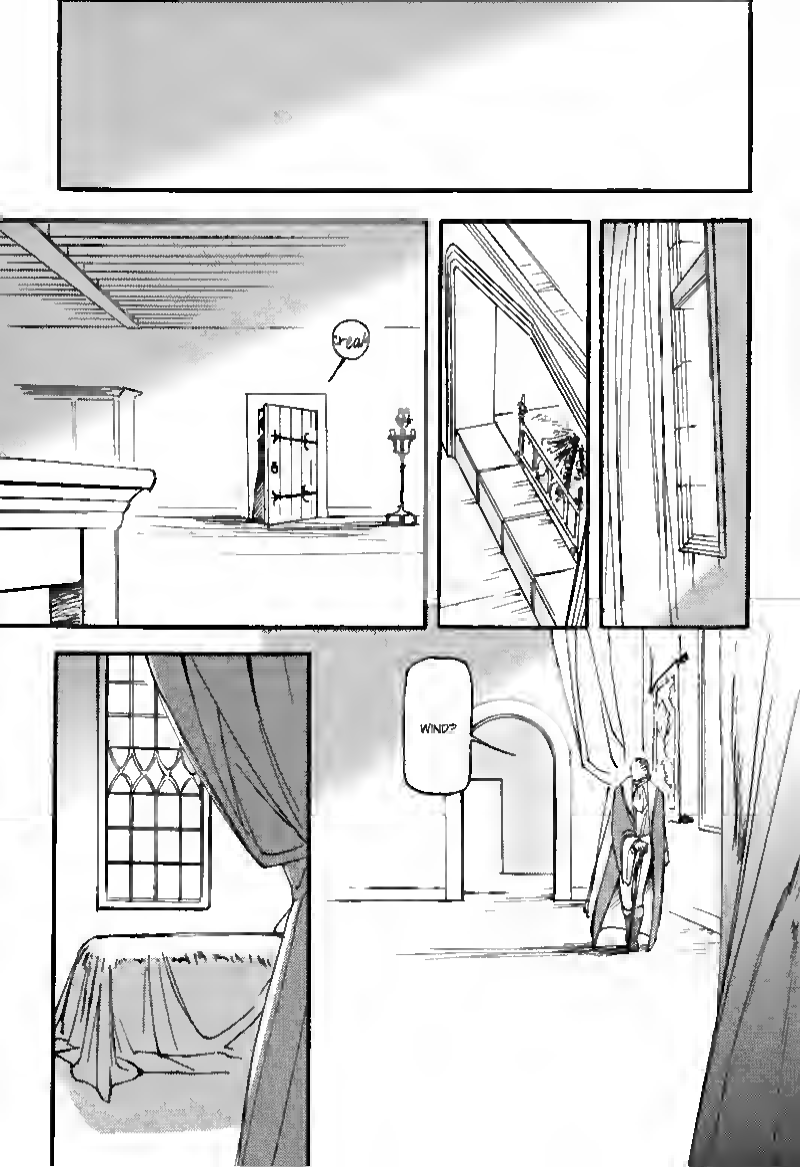
...A HUMAN.
IT WOULD BE...
AND EVEN IF...
...I DID TAKE ONE
THE MAGIC...
IT USES THE "STEALING BACK WHAT WAS STOLEN" METHOD.
IF YOU WERE REALLY HUMAN, THEN CAROLA'S FATHER WOULD NO LONGER HAVE A FOOT...
HOWEVER, THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE
...I USED TO SAVE YOU,

IT SEEMS THAT...
YOU'RE NOT A WEREWOLF
BUT A REAL WOLF
BUT STILL,
THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNFORTUNATE
MY, MY...
I WONDER HOW YOU TURNED INTO HUMAN FORM?
That time,
when I was caught in a trap and couldn't get out...

"YOU TWO ARE VERY LUCKY TONIGHT IS THE FULL MOON AND THERE IS A POWER THAT CAN ONLY BE USED AT SUCH TIMES"
My brother came immediately to help but he couldn't release me
And then, after 3 or 4 days
Aeolus, the leader of the pack came
They say Aeolus is a hundred or two hundred years old
"NOW YOU MUST LEAVE THE WOODS AND GO TO THE HUMANS' VILLAGE. GO FIND THE MAGE WHO LIVES THERE."
He said, and then he changed us into human form

AEOLUS SAID WE SHOULD KEEP ONE THING IN MIND
AFTER THAT
"MY MAGIC WILL LAST UNTIL THE NEXT FULL MOON. UNTIL THEN YOU MUST NOT FALL IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN. IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN... YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TURN BACK INTO A WOLF EVER AGAIN."
I STILL NEED TO KEEP UP AFTER ALL.
WELL...
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS SOMEONE IN THE FOREST WITH SUCH POWERFUL MAGIC
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH
I'LL BE ABLE TO...
IF I AM IN MUTUAL LOVE WITH SOMEONE,
IF I THINK ABOUT IT...
THAT MEANS...
IN OTHER WORDS,
THAT'S WHY— ANYTHING'S FINE AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU.
STAY IN HUMAN FORM FOREVER?
Isn't that smart of me?

YOUR LEG HAS ALREADY HEALED, HASN'T IT?
MY JOB IS DONE HERE
THUNK
PLEASE LEAVE RIGHT NOW
AND... NEVER COME DOWN TO MIX WITH HUMANS AGAIN.


creak
WIND?

IT'S BETTER LIKE THIS...
dash
dash
Whatever happens now
is no longer my business
SIR MAGE?

IT SEEMS WOLVES HAVE BEEN SEEN AGAIN.
OUR VILLAGE'S HUNTSMEN ARE GOING ON AN EXPEDITION TO EXTERMINATE THEM
That's why it's so dangerous in the woods.
COULD IT BE YOU'RE GOING INTO THE WOODS?
IF YOU ARE, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU TURNED BACK.
dash
!
SIR MAGE?!

DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF SPELL FOR THIS?
EXCUSE ME... MAY I HAVE A LOOK AT THE WOLF YOU HAVE THERE?
WOOF WOOF
THIS IS LORD WIZARD! OF COURSE HE DOES!
OH MY... IF IT ISN'T LORD WIZARD!
UWAH!!
IT ISN'T HIM
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY?!
!

WIND...?!
JUST WHAT IS THAT BRAT...?
!
STOP AT ONCE!
WIND!
IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
IT HURTS! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS KID DOING?!

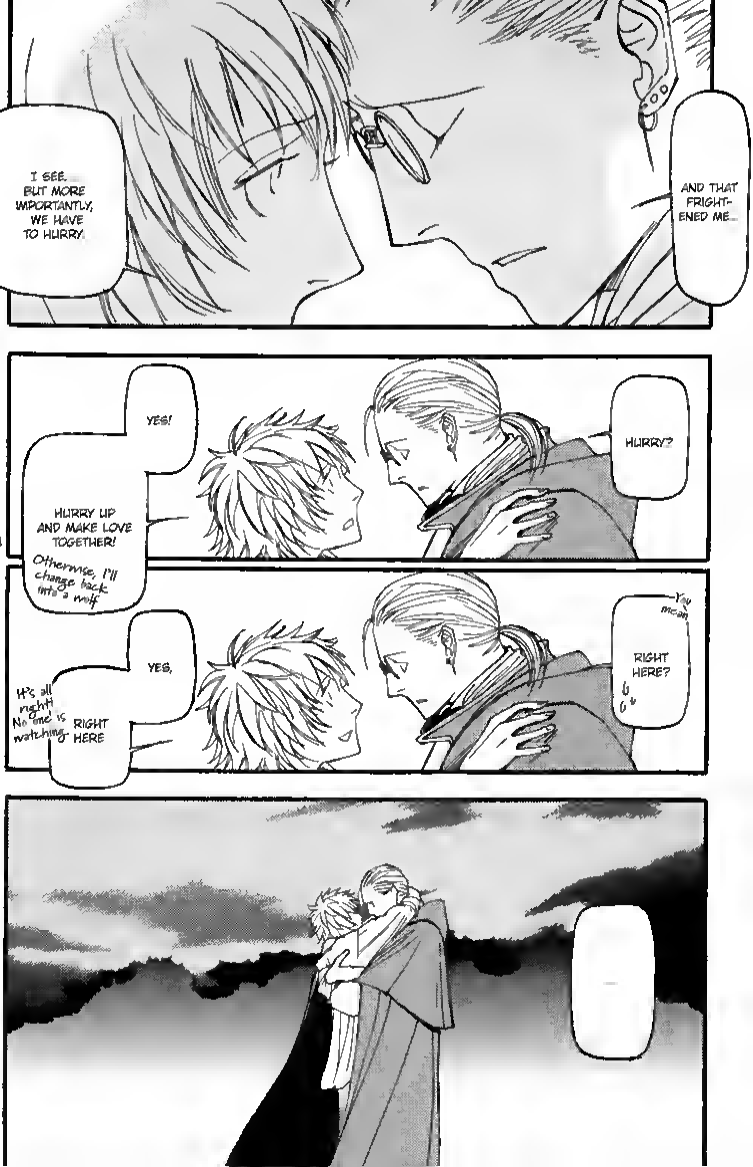
woosh
LIWAH!
!

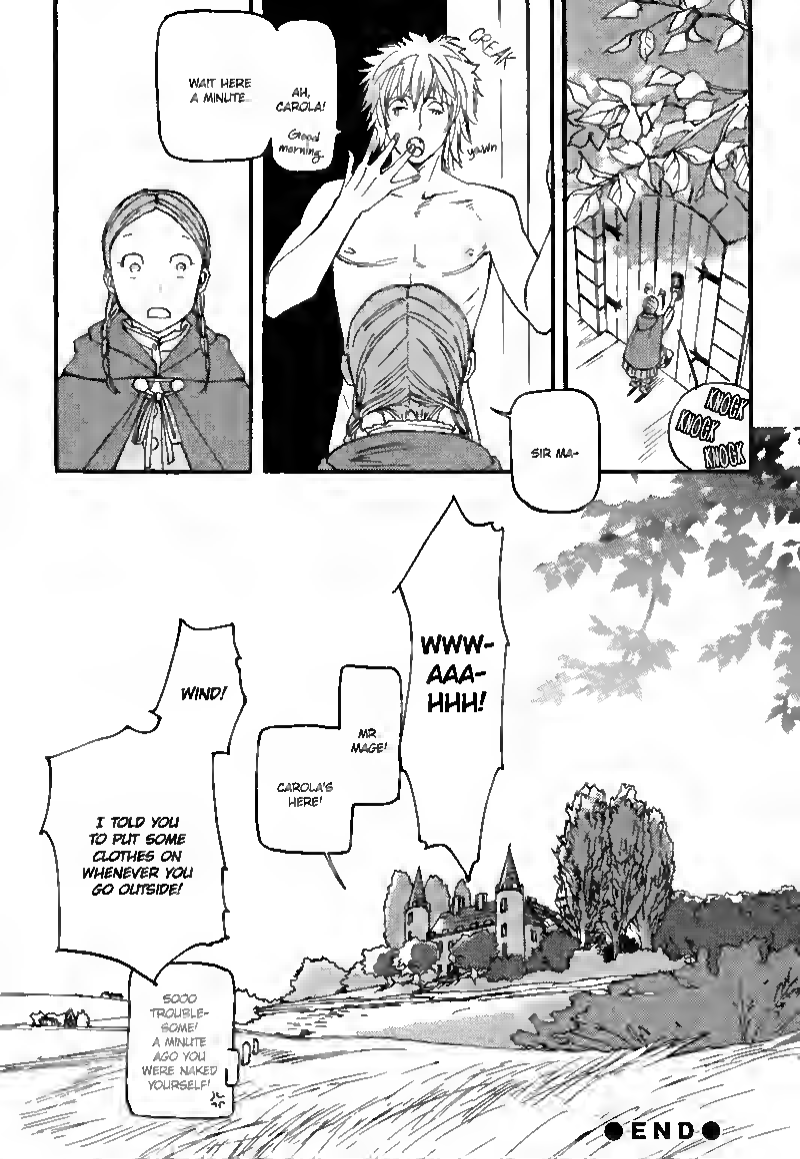
THEY HURT MY BROTHER!
YOU CANNOT DO THAT.
AND MY FRIENDS!
LET ME GO!
I HAVE TO TAKE REVENGE!
IF YOU ATTACK THEM,
NEXT TIME IT WILL BE YOU WHO GETS KILLED
WHY NOT...?
I...
DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT

I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU
BECAUSE OF MY MAGIC, THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE GOT ANGRY...
...AT THE WOLVES
AND NOW THIS IS HOW IT'S BECOME
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!
NOT YOUR FAULT!

I WILL BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE FROM NOW ON
TONIGHT IS THE FULL MOON, ISN'T IT?
I'LL SOON TURN BACK TO MY ORIGINAL FORM SO
WELL THEN,
THIS IS OUR GOODBYE
WIND
HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY BECOME MY APPRENTICE?

I'M SORRY I GOT ANGRY WITH YOU LAST NIGHT.
THAT WAS BECAUSE... I HAD A FEELING YOU HAD SEEN RIGHT THROUGH ME


I SEE. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE TO HURRY.
AND THAT FRIGHTENED ME...
HURRY?
YES!
HURRY UP AND MAKE LOVE TOGETHER!
That would be bad
Otherwise, I'll change back into a wolf.
You mean
RIGHT HERE?
YES,
It's all right! No one is watching.
RIGHT HERE


KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
SIR MA-
CREAK
yawn
AH, CAROLA! Good morning.
WAIT HERE A MINUTE
WWW-AAA-HHH!
MR. MAGE! CAROLA'S HERE!
WIND!
I TOLD YOU TO PUT SOME CLOTHES ON WHENEVER YOU GO OUTSIDE!
SOOO TROUBLE-SOME! A MINUTE AGO YOU WERE NAKED YOURSELF!
END